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EMBASSY HAS MADE INQUIRIES AT ESSO AND OCCIDENTAL, WHICH OPERATE THE ONLY GAS PLANTS IN LIBYA. ESSO PRODUCES AND SELLS MIXED PROPANE/BUTANE/PROPANE TO EUROPE. OCCIDENTAL SEPARATES GASES AND SELLS ITS BUTANE IN THE U.S. BOTH COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR SALE THEIR TOTAL CAPACITY FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. THEY EVEN EXPECT PROBLEMS IN MEETING EXISTING COMMITMENTS BECAUSE LAR IS EXPECTING TO BEGIN DEMANDING QUANTITIES OF GAS AS "ROYALTY IN KIND." IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT THERE NO REPEAT NO BUTANE OR OTHER GAS PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM LIBYA.

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